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SENATE BILL NO. 134

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WILSON

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Introduced: 1/21/20

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to medical assistance reimbursement for the services of licensed**
2 **professional counselors; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of this section and the
6 services provided under (d) of this section, the department may offer only the
7 following optional services: case management services for traumatic or acquired brain
8 injury; case management and nutrition services for pregnant women; personal care
9 services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services; long-term care
10 noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equipment; advanced practice
11 registered nurse services; clinic services; rehabilitative services for children eligible
12 for services under AS 47.07.063, substance abusers, and emotionally disturbed or
13 chronically mentally ill adults; targeted case management services; inpatient
14 psychiatric facility services for individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals

under 21 years of age; psychologists' services; clinical social workers' services; marital and family therapy services; **professional counseling services**; midwife services; prescribed drugs; physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; low-dose mammography screening, as defined in AS 21.42.375(e); hospice care; treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care facility services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; skilled nursing facility services for individuals under 21 years of age; and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(20) "professional counseling services" means services within the practice of professional counseling provided by a person licensed as a professional counselor under AS 08.29; professional counseling services may be provided at a facility that is not a provider of clinic services.

* **Sec. 3.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

MEDICAID STATE PLAN FEDERAL APPROVAL. The Department of Health and Social Services shall amend and submit for federal approval the state plan for medical assistance coverage consistent with AS 47.07.030(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 47.07.900(20), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) The commissioner of health and social services shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing, on or before October 1, 2021, if the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the amendments to the state plan for medical assistance coverage under AS 47.07.030(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and AS 47.07.900(20), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.

(b) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect only if the commissioner of health and social services notifies the revisor of statutes in writing as required under (a) of this section.

* **Sec. 5.** If, under sec. 4 of this Act, secs. 1 and 2 of this Act take effect, they take effect on the day after the date the revisor of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of health

1 and social services under sec. 4 of this Act.